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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 19, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a December 19, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 19, 2002 Final Office Action was due March 19, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is \$55.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the December 19, 2002 Final Office Action is now due April 19, 2003. Since April 19, 2003 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day, namely Monday, April 21, 2003, is to be considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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